In the Office Action, Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the limitation "said resin film". Claim 6 has been amended to correct this.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Saitoh et al. (US 5,870,224). Claims 1, 5 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable of Aoyama et al. (EP 0924537) in view of Saitoh et al. The Applicant respectfully disagrees with and traverses these rejections.

Independent Claims 1 and 6 include the feature that at least 82% of ultraviolet rays having a wavelength of 320 nm are transmitted through the protection film. This is not a process limitation, but instead is a structural limitation defining the ultraviolet permeability of the protection film. It is an actual physical property of the protection film. None of the cited prior art references disclose this feature. Therefore, the Applicant considers the rejections to the claims overcome.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in better condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A protection film for a base sheet of a lens sheet having a lens surface formed of a UV-curable resin layer, the protection film comprising:

a resin film; and

an adhesive formed on one side of said resin film, said adhesive ~~being separable together with~~ allowing said protection film to be releasably separable from said base sheet;

wherein ~~a transmittance of ultraviolet rays,~~ at least 82% of ultraviolet rays having a wavelength of 320 nm~~, through~~ are transmitted through the protection film ~~is 82% or more~~.

2. (original) A protection film for a base sheet according to claim 1, wherein an adhesive strength is from 0.4 to 2.3 N / 25 mm.

3. (cancelled)

4. (previously presented) A protection film for a base sheet according to claim 1 wherein the adhesive contains a polyolefin-based resin component.

5. (original) A protection film for a base sheet according to claim 1, wherein the material of the base sheet is an acrylic resin.

6. (currently amended) A lens sheet comprising:

a base sheet; and

a protection film comprising:

a resin film; and

an adhesive formed on one side of said resin film, said adhesive being separable ~~together with~~ allowing said protection film at to be releasably seperable from said base sheet;

wherein ~~a transmittance of ultraviolet rays,~~ at least 82% of ultraviolet rays having a wavelength of 320 nm~~, through~~ are transmitted through the protection film ~~is 82% or more~~.

7. (previously amended) A lens sheet according to claim 6, wherein ~~the protection film is pasted from the side of the adhesive,~~ a surface of the base sheet has coated thereon an antistatic agent containing a cationic surface active agent, and the base sheet has a surface resistivity after one year from production of 10^{12} Ω / □ or less.